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SUBJ: DISAPPEARANCE OF "EL FAJR" PUBLISHER

1. ASSISTANT EDITOR OF EAST JERUSALEM ARABIC WEEKLY, "EL FAJR", JAMIL HAMAD, TELLS US THAT, AS REPORTED IN PRESS, PAPER'S PUBLISHER, YOUSEF NASRI NASR, HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE EVENING OF FEB 5. HAMAD ORIGINALLY RELEASED NEWS OF DISAPPEARANCE IN FEB 9 EDITION OF EL FAJR. EFFORTS OF ISRAELI POLICE TO TRACE HIM SO FAR UNSUCCESSFUL.

2. HAMAD EXPRESSED VIEW NASR KIDNAPPED BY SUPPORTERS OF SHEIKH JA'ABARI OF HEBRON ON KING HUSSEIN. HAMAD SUSPECTS JA'ABARI BECAUSE CONSISTENLECRITICISM OF HIM BY NEWSPAPER HAD RECENTLY ESPECIALLY AROUSED JA'ABARI'S SUPPORTERS, WHO HAD THREATENED TO DELIVER NASR'S HEAD TO SHEIKH.

3. HAMAD SAID HE INTENDS TO PUBLISH EDITORIAL SUGGESTING THAT IF FOUL PLAY HAS BEFALLEN NASR THIS WOULD MARK BEGINNING OF TERRORIST CLASHES BETWEEN PRO-HASHEMITE AND PRO-PLO FACTIONS IN WEST BANK.

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4. COMMENT: IT VERY POSSIBLE THAT STRONGLY ANTI-HASHEMITE

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STANCE OF NASR AND HIS PAPER AND PERSONAL ATTACK ON JA'ABARI
HAVE LED TO NASR'S KIDNAPPING OR WORSE. IN LIGHT OF PAST
FABRICATIONS BY NASR AND HAMAD, HOWEVER, ONE CANNOT ENTIRELY
RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF HOAX DESIGNED TO BRING DISCREDIT ON
POLITICAL OPPONENTS.
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